# Professional Services Agreement for State Lobbying Services

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THIS AGREEMENT made this day	of in the year <b>2020</b> ("Agreement") by and
between the Town of Miami Lakes, Florida,	hereinafter called the "Town," and
hereinafter called the "Consultant," having a	principal office at

## **RECITALS**

WHEREAS the Town has requested the Consultant to provide State Lobbying Services ("Services").

**WHEREAS**, the Consultant has the necessary expertise to provide the requested Services and has agreed to provide said Services.

**WITNESSETH**, that the Town and the Consultant, for the considerations herein set forth, agree as follows:

# **SECTION A. GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

## **A1. Definitions**

- a. Agreement means this instrument, as may be amended from time to time, all change orders, directives, payments and other such documents issued under or in connection with this instrument.
- **b. Additional Services** means any Services defined as such in this Agreement, secured in compliance with Florida Statutes and Town Code.
- **c. Attachments** means the Attachments to this Agreement which are expressly incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement as if set forth in full.
- d. Basic Services means those services designated as such in the Agreement.
- **e. Change Order** means a written document ordering a change in the Agreement price or time, or a material change in the Services to be rendered.
- **f. Consultant** means the person, firm, entity, or corporation, which has entered into the Agreement to provide Services to the Town.
- **g. Cure** means remedial action taken by the Consultant to correct Service, performance, deliverables, or other contractual requirements that are not in compliance with the Agreement.
- h. Cure Period means the period of time in which the Consultant is required to remedy deficiencies in the Services or compliance with the Agreement after receipt of a Notice to Cure from the Town identifying such deficiencies.
- i. Days means calendar days unless specifically stated otherwise.
- *j. Errors* means Services or work product prepared by the Consultant that are not correct or are incomplete, which results in the need for revision or re-issuance of the Services performed or developed based on the Services provided for under this Agreement.
- **k. Fee** means the amount of compensation mutually agreed upon for the completion of Basic Services as determined in accordance with Article A.2.c.i. Fee Amount.
- *I. Project Manager* means the Town's designee who will manage and monitor the Services to be performed under this Agreement.

- **m.** Scope of Service(s)/Work means the activities, tasks, objectives, deliverables, and completion of work provided for under this Agreement.
- n. Services or Work mean all necessary and inferable labor, material, equipment, and services, whether or not specifically stated, required by the Agreement to provide the Scope of Service(s)/Work.
- **o. Team** means more than one firm who entered into a Teaming Agreement, as defined in the RFP who were awarded the Agreement and who serve as the Subconsultant.
- **p.** Town Council means the legislative body of the Town of Miami Lakes.
- **q. Town Manager** means the duly appointed chief administrative officer of the Town of Miami Lakes or designee.
- r. Town or Owner means the Town of Miami Lakes, Florida, a Florida municipal corporation, the public agency which is a party hereto and for which this Agreement is to be performed. In all respects hereunder, Town's performance is pursuant to Town's position as the owner of a Project. In the event the Town exercises its regulatory authority as a governmental body, the exercise of such regulatory authority and the enforcement of any rules, regulations, codes, laws and ordinances will be deemed to have occurred pursuant to Town's authority as a governmental body and will not be attributable in any manner to Town, as the owner, as a party to this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, "Town" without modification means the Town Manager.
- **s. Work Order** means a document approved and issued by the Town authorizing the performance of Additional Services to be provided by the Consultant.
- **t. Work Order Proposal** means a document prepared by the Consultant, at the request of the Town for Services to be provided by the Consultant.

## A2. General

## A2.01. Authority of the Town's Program Manager

The Town Manager hereby authorizes the Program Manager to determine, all questions of any nature whatsoever arising out of, under or in connection with, or in any way relating to the providing of the Programs in accordance with the Agreement. The Program Manager shall have authority to act on behalf of the Town to the extent provided by the Contract, unless otherwise modified in writing by the Town.

All interpretations and recommendations of the Program Manager shall be consistent with the intent of the Agreement. All interpretations of the Agreement shall be issued by the Town's Procurement Manager, which shall be binding upon the Consultant.

#### A2.02. Standard of Care

Consultant is solely responsible for the technical accuracy and quality of its Services. Consultant must perform due diligence, in accordance with best industry practices, performing the Services under this Agreement. Consultant will be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy and coordination of all reports, and other documents furnished by the Consultant under this Agreement. Consultant must, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors, omissions, or deficiencies in its reports, documents, or other Services.

#### A2.03. Subconsultants

Consultant is not permitted to subcontract any of the Services under this Contract without the prior written consent of the Town Manager or designee.

In the event subcontracting is permitted, Consultant is solely responsible for all acts and omissions of its Subconsultants. Nothing in the Contract Documents creates any contractual relationship between any Subconsultant and the Town. Consultant is responsible for the timely payment of its Subconsultants and suppliers as required by Florida Statute Chapter 218.735. Failure to comply with these payment requirements will place the Consultant in default of the Contract.

Consultant must not employ any Subconsultant against whom Town may have a reasonable objection.

Consultant must utilize the Subconsultants identified in its Proposal submission. The replacement, addition, or deletion of any Subconsultant(s) will be subject to the prior written approval of the Town Manager or designee.

## A2.03-1. Changes to Subconsultants

The Consultant shall not add, modify, or change any Subconsultant listed in Schedule 1 without prior written approval by the Town Manager, in response to a written request from the Consultant stating the reasons for any proposed substitution.

## A2.04. Team (If Applicable)

A Team, as defined in Section A1(o) is a firm that was identified as part of the consulting Team in the competitive selection process by which Consultant was chosen to perform the services under this Agreement, and as such, is identified and listed in Section D.

All Services provided by the Team shall be performed pursuant to the Teaming Agreement, which was submitted with the RFP, which is by reference, incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement.

#### **A2.05.** Taxes

Consultant shall pay all applicable sales, consumer, use and other taxes required by law. Consultant is responsible for reviewing the pertinent state statutes involving state taxes and complying with all requirements.

## A2.06. Change Orders

The Town reserves the right to order changes which may result in additions to or reductions in the Agreement and which are within the general scope of the Agreement and all such changes shall be authorized only by a Change Order approved in advance and issued in accordance with provisions of the Town and the Agreement.

Any changes to the Agreement must be contained in a written document, executed by the both parties. However, under circumstances determined necessary by Town, Change Orders may be issued unilaterally by Town.

#### A2.07. Work Orders

When the Town Manager has determined to utilize Consultant for additional services or for services in connection with a specific project, the Town Manager will request in writing, a Work

Order Proposal from the Consultant based on the proposed Scope of Services provided to the Consultant in writing by the Town Manager. The Consultant, the Town Manager, and others if appropriate, may have preliminary meetings, if warranted, to further define the Scope of Services and to resolve any questions. The Consultant will then prepare a Work Order Proposal following the format provided by or acceptable to the Town, indicating the proposed Scope of Services, total time for performance, time for performance of each task, phase or deliverable, staffing including proposed hours per individual and/or classification, proposed fees, Subconsultants, and deliverable items and/or documents. The Town, at its sole discretion may provide the Consultant with a standardized Work Order Proposal Form to be used for all requests.

The Town Manager may accept the Work Order Proposal as submitted, reject the Work Order Proposal, or negotiate revisions to the Work Order Proposal. Upon successful conclusion of negotiations, the Consultant may be required to submit a revised final Work Order Proposal. If negotiations cannot be successfully completed, the Town Manager may terminate negotiations and may request a Work Order Proposal from another consultant under contract with the Town or secure such services through other means available to the Town. Upon approval of the Work Order Proposal the Town Manger will issue a written Work Order assigning the Project to the Consultant.

It is understood that a Work Order or Notice to Proceed may be issued under this Agreement at the sole discretion of the Town Manager and that the Consultant has no expectation, entitlement, right to or privilege to receive a Work Order and/or Notice to Proceed for any additional service or project. The Town reserves, at all times, the right to perform any or all Professional Services in-house, or with other private professional firms or to discontinue or withdraw any or all projects or tasks or to exercise any other choice allowed by law.

This Agreement does not confer on the Consultant any particular, exclusive or special rights to any additional service required by the Town. Outside of this Agreement, the Consultant may submit proposals and/or qualifications for any professional services, which the Consultant is qualified to perform, in response to any public solicitation issued by Town.

#### **A2.08.** Deletion or Modification of Services

The Town may during the term of the Agreement make modifications to the Services being provided. If the Consultant and the Town agree on modifications or revisions to any Services such changes shall be made through the execution of a change order executed by both parties.

#### A2.09. Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Americans With Disabilities Act

Consultant shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person, shall provide equal opportunities for employment, and comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act in its performance of the Work under the Agreement. Consultant shall comply with all applicable federal, State of Florida, Miami-Dade County, and Town rules regulations, laws, and ordinance as applicable.

#### A2.10. Independent Consultant

The Consultant is engaged as an independent business and agrees to perform Work as an independent Consultant. In accordance with the status of an independent Consultant, the Consultant covenants and agrees that the Consultant will conduct business in a manner consistent with that status, that the Consultant will not claim to be an officer or employee of the Town for any right or privilege applicable to an officer or employee of the Town, including, but not limited

to: worker's compensation coverage; unemployment insurance benefits; social security coverage; retirement membership, or credit.

## A2.11. Defense of Claims

Should any claim be made, or any legal action brought in any way relating to the Work under the Agreement, the Consultant shall diligently render to the Town any and all assistance which the Town may require of the Consultant.

#### A2.12. Contract Extension

The Town reserves the right to extend the contract past the then-current term, including any exercised options to renew, for a period of up to ninety (90) days while the Town prepares a new contract for solicitation. Additional extensions beyond the initial 90 days may occur as needed by the Town and as mutually agreed upon by the Town and the Consultant until the Town is able to award a new contract. In such event, the Town will notify the Consultant in writing of such extensions.

## A2.13. Invoicing

Consultant shall provide the Town with an invoice once per month for the Work performed in the prior month. At a minimum the invoice must contain the following information:

- Name and address of the Consultant
- Purchase Order number
- Contract number
- Date of invoice
- Invoice number (Invoice numbers cannot be repeated)
- Name and Type of Services,
- List of participants.
- Timeframe covered by the invoice
- Total Value of invoice

Failure to include the above information will delay payment. Payments will not be made based on statements of accounts.

The Town will take action to pay, reject or make partial payment on an invoice in accordance with the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act. No payments shall be due or payable for Work not performed or materials not furnished or where the Work has not been accepted by the Town. If there is a dispute with regard to an invoice, the Town will pay the amount not in dispute and reject the remainder that is in dispute.

# A3. Performance

#### A3.01. Performance and Delegation

The Services to be performed hereunder must be performed by the Consultant or Consultant's own staff, unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, or approved, in writing by the Town Manager. Said approval will not be construed as constituting an agreement between the Town and said other person or firm and the Town assumes no liability or responsibility for any Subconsultant.

#### A3.02. Removal of Unsatisfactory Personnel

The Project Manager or Town Manager may make written request to Consultant for the prompt removal and replacement of any personnel employed or retained by the Consultant to provide and perform Services pursuant to the requirements of this Agreement. The Consultant must respond to the Town within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of such request with either the removal and replacement of such personnel or written justification as to why that may not occur. All decisions involving personnel will be made by the Town. Such request will solely relate to said employees working under this Agreement and not as employees of the Consultant or Subconsultant.

## A3.03. Consultant Key Staff

The parties acknowledge that Consultant was selected by the Town, in part, on the basis of qualifications of particular staff identified in Consultant's response to Town's solicitation, hereinafter referred to as "Key Staff". Consultant must ensure that Key Staff are available for Services hereunder as long as said Key Staff are in Consultant's employ. Consultant must obtain prior written acceptance of Project Manager to change Key Staff. Consultant must provide the Project Manager with such information, as may be necessary, to determine the suitability of proposed new Key Staff personnel. The Project Manager will act reasonably in evaluating Key Staff qualifications. Such acceptance will not constitute any responsibility or liability for the individual's ability to perform.

## A3.04. Time for Performance

The Consultant agrees to start all Services hereunder upon execution of the Agreement and complete each, task within the time stipulated in the Agreement. Time is of the essence with respect to performance of this Agreement.

A reasonable extension of the time for completion of various tasks may be granted by the Town Manager should there be a delay on the part of the Town in fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement as stated herein. Such extension of time shall not be cause for any claim by the Consultant for extra compensation.

## A4. Default

#### A4.01. General

If Consultant fails to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, or fails to perform any of its obligations hereunder, then Consultant will be in default. Upon the occurrence of a default hereunder the Town, in addition to all remedies available to it by law, may immediately, upon written notice to Consultant, terminate this Agreement whereupon all payments, advances, or other compensation paid by the Town to Consultant while Consultant was in default must be immediately returned to the Town. Consultant understands and agrees that termination of this Agreement under this section does not release Consultant from any obligation accruing prior to the effective date of termination. The Town, at its sole discretion, may allow the Consultant a specified time to correct a default.

#### A4.02. Conditions of Default

A finding of default and subsequent termination for cause may include, without limitation, any of the following:

- (i) Consultant fails to obtain or maintain the required insurance.
- (ii) Consultant fails to comply, in a substantial or material sense, with any of its duties under this Agreement, with any terms or conditions set forth in this Agreement or in any agreement it has with the Town, beyond the specified period allowed to cure such default.
- (iii) Consultant fails to commence the Services within the time provided or contemplated herein or fails to complete the Services in a timely manner as required by this Agreement.

## A4.03. Time to Cure Default; Force Majeure

Town through the Town Manager will provide written notice to Consultant as to a finding of default, and Consultant must take all necessary action to cure said default within time stipulated in said notice, after which time the Town may terminate the Agreement. The Town, at its sole discretion, may allow additional days to perform any required cure if Consultant provides written justification deemed reasonably sufficient.

Should any such failure on the part of Consultant be due to a condition of Force Majeure as the term is interpreted under Florida Law, then the Town may allow an extension of time reasonably commensurate with the cause of such failure to perform or cure.

# **A5.** Termination of Agreement

#### A5.01. Town's Right to Terminate

The Town Manager has the right to terminate this Agreement for any reason or no reason, upon thirty (30) days' written notice. Upon termination of this Agreement, documents, analysis, materials, and/or reports, including all electronic copies related to Services authorized under this Agreement, whether finished or not, must be turned over to the Town. The Consultant will be paid for the Services performed and accepted, provided that said documentation is turned over to the Project Manager or Town Manager within ten (10) business days of termination.

#### A5.02. Consultant's Right to Terminate

The Consultant shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in writing, following breach by the Town, if the breach of the Agreement has not been corrected within thirty (30) days from the date of the Town's receipt of a written statement from Consultant specifying its breach of its duties under this Agreement.

#### A5.03. Termination Due to Undisclosed Lobbyist or Agent

Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Consultant to solicit or secure this Agreement and that he or she has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Consultant any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

For the breach or violation of this provision, the Town has the right to terminate this Agreement without liability and, at its sole discretion, to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, or consideration.

#### A5.04. Fraud & Misrepresentation

The Town may terminate this Agreement with any person, individual, corporation, entity, or affiliate that attempts to meet its contractual obligations with the Town through fraud,

misrepresentation, conflicts of interest, or material misstatement. Such person, individual, corporation, entity, or affiliate shall be responsible for all direct or indirect costs associated with termination or cancellation.

## **A5.05. Funds Availability**

Funding for this Agreement is contingent on the availability of funds and the Agreement is subject to amendment or termination due to lack of funds, reduction of funds and/or change in regulations, upon thirty (30) days' notice.

# A6. Documents and Records

#### A6.01. Ownership of Documents

All documents, analysis, materials, computer files, and reports prepared or obtained under this Agreement, as well as all data collected, including all electronic digital copies, will be considered works made for hire and are the property of the Town, without any restriction or limitation on their use. Upon expiration or termination of the Agreement the Consultant must turn over all records, documents and data, whether used or not used, including electronic data as required under Florida Statute 119.0701(d). Consultant is to keep copies of all such records, documents, or data for its records. However, this Article will continue in full force and effect after the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

## A6.02. Delivery upon Request or Cancellation

Failure of the Consultant to promptly deliver all such documents in the possession of the Consultant, both hard copy and digital, to the Town Manager within ten (10) days of cancellation, or within ten (10) days of request by the Town Manager, will be just cause for the Town Manager to withhold payment of any fees due Consultant until Consultant delivers all such documents. Consultant will have no recourse from these requirements.

## A6.03. Nondisclosure

To the extent allowed by law, Consultant agrees not to divulge, furnish, or make available to any third person, firm, or organization any information or documentation related to this Agreement, without Town Manager's prior written consent, or unless incident to the proper performance of the Consultant's obligations hereunder, or in the course of judicial or legislative proceedings where such information has been properly subpoenaed, any non-public information concerning the services to be rendered by Consultant hereunder, and Consultant must require all of its employees, agents and Subconsultants comply with the provisions of this paragraph. Consultant will be entitled to limited use of the information and documents related to this Agreement, which will be used for the sole purpose of marketing to generate new business clients.

## A6.04. Access to and Review of Records

Town shall have the right to inspect and copy, at Town's expense, the books and records and accounts of Consultant which relate in any way to the Agreement. The Consultant agrees to maintain an accounting system that provides for accounting records that are supported with adequate documentation and adequate procedures for determining allowable costs.

## **A6.05.** Maintenance of Records

Consultant will keep adequate records and supporting documentation, which concern or reflect its Services hereunder. Records subject to the provisions of Public Record Law, Florida Statutes

Chapter 119, must be kept in accordance with statute. Otherwise, the records and documentation will be retained by Consultant for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of termination of this Agreement or the date the Project is completed, whichever is later. Town, or any duly authorized agents or representatives of Town, has the right to audit, inspect, and copy all such records and documentation as often as they deem necessary during the period of this Agreement and during the three (3) year period noted above; provided, however such activity will be conducted only during normal business hours. The Consultant agrees to furnish copies of any records necessary, in the opinion of the Town Manager, to approve any requests for payment by the Consultant.

Consultant shall also comply with the following requirements of the Florida Public Records Law including:

- (i) Consultant must keep and maintain all public records required by the Town in order to perform services under this Agreement.
- (ii) Upon request from the Town's custodian of public records, Consultant shall provide the Town with a copy of the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (iii) Consultant shall ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term and following completion of the contract if the Consultant does not transfer the records to the Town.
- (iv) Upon completion of the contract, Consultant shall transfer, at no cost, to the Town all public records in the possession of the Consultant or keep and maintain public records required by the Town to perform the service under this contract. If the Consultant transfers all public records to the Town upon completion of the contract, the Consultant shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Consultant keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the Consultant shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the Town, upon request from the Town's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the Town.

IF THE CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE TOWN'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS VIA PHONE (305) 364-6100 x 1138; EMAIL CLERK@MIAMILAKES-FL.GOV; OR MAIL AT TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, 6601 MAIN STREET, MIAMI LAKES, FL 33014.

# A7. Insurance

The Consultant must not start Services under this Agreement until the Consultant has obtained all insurance required hereunder and the Town Manager has approved such insurance. Should the Consultant not maintain the insurance coverage required in this Agreement, the Town may

cancel this Agreement or, at its sole discretion, must purchase such coverage and charge the Consultant for such coverage purchased.

All deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and be approved by the Town Manager. The Consultant shall be responsible for the payment of any deductible or self-insured retentions in the event of any claim.

## A7.01. Companies Providing Coverage

All insurance policies must be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida and satisfactory to the Town Manager. All companies must have a Florida resident agent and be rated at least A(X), as per A.M. Best Company's Key Rating Guide, latest edition.

## A7.02. Verification of Insurance Coverage

The Consultant must furnish certificates of insurance to the Town Manager for review and approval prior to the execution of this Agreement. The Certificates must clearly indicate that the Consultant has obtained insurance of the type, amount and classification required by these provisions, in excess of any pending claims at the time of award to the Consultant. Consultant must maintain coverage with equal or better rating as identified herein for the term of this Agreement. Consultant must provide written notice to the Town Manager of any material change, cancellation or notice of non-renewal of the insurance within thirty (30) days of the change. Consultant must furnish a copy of the insurance policy or policies upon request of the Town Manager within ten (10) days of written request.

## A7.03. Forms of Coverage

## A7.03-1. Commercial General Liability

This insurance shall be written in comprehensive form and shall protect the Consultant and the Town against claims arising from injuries to members of the public or damage to property of others arising out of any act or omission to act of the Consultant or any of its agents, employees, or Subconsultants. The limit of liability shall not be less than \$500,000.00 per occurrence, combined single limit for Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability. Coverage must be afforded on a primary and non-contributory basis and with a coverage form no more restrictive than the latest edition of the Commercial General Liability Policy, without restrictive endorsements, as filed by the Insurance Services Office, and must include: (1) Premises and/or Operations; (2) Independent Consultants and Products and/or completed Operations; (3) Broad Form Property Damage, Personal Injury and a Contractual Liability Endorsement, including any hold harmless and/or indemnification agreement.

#### A7.03-2. Comprehensive Automobile & Vehicle Liability Insurance

This insurance shall be written in comprehensive form and shall protect the Consultant and the Town against claims for injuries to members of the public and/or damages to property of others arising from the Consultant's use of motor vehicles or any other equipment and shall cover operation with respect to onsite and offsite operations and insurance coverage shall extend to any motor vehicles or other equipment irrespective of whether the same is owned, non-owned, or hired. The limit of liability shall not be less than \$500,000.00 per occurrence, combined single limit for Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability. Coverage must be afforded on a form no more restrictive that the latest edition of the Business Automobile Liability Policy, without restrictive endorsement, as filed by the Insurance Services Office.

## A7.03-3. Workers' Compensation Insurance

Coverage to apply for all employees for statutory limits as required by the State of Florida's Statutory Workers' Compensation Law and all applicable Federal laws. The policy(ies) must include Employer's Liability with minimum limits of \$500,000.00 each accident and a waiver of subrogation. Should the Consultant be exempt from Florida's Worker's Compensation insurance requirement the Consultant must provide documentation from the State of Florida evidencing such exemption.

#### A7.04. Subconsultant

Consultant shall ensure that all Subconsultants comply with these same insurance requirements.

All Subconsultants shall be subject to all requirements herein and procure and maintain the same coverage required of the Consultant. The Consultant shall include all such Subconsultants as additional insured under its policies (with the exception of Worker's Compensation) or shall ensure that all such Subconsultants maintain required coverages. The Consultant agrees to provide proof of insurance for all such Subconsultants upon request by the Town.

## A7.05. Modifications to Coverage

The Town Manager reserves the right to require modifications, increases, or changes in the required insurance requirements, coverage, deductibles or other insurance obligations by providing a thirty (30) day written notice to the Consultant. Consultant must comply with such requests unless the insurance coverage is not then readily available in the national market and may request additional consideration from Town accompanied by justification.

#### A7.06. Certificate of Insurance

Consultant shall provide the Town Manager or designee with Certificates of Insurance for all required policies within fourteen (14) days of notification of an award by the Town. The Certificates of Insurance shall not only name the types of policy(ies) provided, but also shall refer specifically to this Contract and shall state that such insurance is as required by this Contract. The Town reserves the right to require the Consultant to provide a certified copy of such policies, upon written request by the Town. Each policy certificate shall be endorsed with a provision that not less than thirty (30) calendar days' written notice shall be provided to the Town before any policy or coverage is cancelled, restricted, or a material change is made. Acceptance of the Certificate(s) is subject to approval of the Town Manager or designee.

## A7.07. Additional Insured

The Town is to be specifically included as an Additional Insured for the liability of the Town resulting from operations performed by or on behalf of Consultant in performance of this Contract. Consultant's insurance, including that applicable to the Town as an Additional Insured, shall apply on a primary basis and any other insurance maintained by the Town shall be in excess of and shall not contribute to Consultant's insurance. For Services provided at Royal Oaks Park and Miami Lakes Optimist Park the Miami-Dade County Public School System shall also be named as an additional insured. Consultant's insurance shall contain a severability of interest provision providing that, except with respect to the total limits of liability, the insurance shall apply to each Insured or Additional Insured in the same manner as if separate policies had been issued to each.

# **A8. Contract Disputes & Mediation**

#### A8.01. Claims

Any claim shall be made by written notice by Consultant to the Town Manager or designee and to within ten (10) business days of the commencement of the event giving rise to the claim and stating the general nature and cause of the claim. Thereafter, within ten (10) days of the termination of the event giving rise to the claim, written notice of the extent of the claim with supporting information and documentation shall be provided unless the Town's Procurement Manager, unless said individual allows additional time for submission. The written notice must be accompanied by Consultant's written notarized statement that any adjustment(s) claimed is the entire adjustment to which the Consultant has reason to believe it is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. All claims and disputes shall be determined in accordance with the Agreement. It is expressly and specifically agreed that any and all claims for changes to the Contract shall be waived if not submitted in strict accordance with the requirements of this Article.

Delays may include, but not be limited to, acts or neglect by any separate Consultant employed by own, fires, floods, labor disputes beyond the control of the Consultant, epidemics, abnormal weather conditions (if applicable), or acts of God.

Consultant shall not be entitled to an compensation of any kind from the Town for direct, indirect, consequential, impact or other costs, expenses or damages from any cause whatsoever, whether such delay, disruption, interference or hindrance be reasonable or unreasonable, foreseeable or unforeseeable, or avoidable or unavoidable; provided, however, that this provision shall not preclude recovery of damages by Consultant for actual delays due solely to fraud, bad faith or active interference on the part of Town.

Failure of Consultant to comply with this Article as to any particular event of claim shall be deemed conclusively to constitute a waiver of any and all claims resulting from that particular event.

#### A8.02. Resolution of Disputes

Consultant understands and agrees that all disputes between it and the Town based upon an alleged violation of the terms of this Agreement by the Town will be submitted for resolution in the following manner.

The initial step will be for the Consultant to notify the Procurement Manager in writing of the dispute. Consultant must, within five (5) calendar days of the initial notification, submit all supporting documentation to the Procurement Manager. Failure to submit such notification and documentation will constitute a waiver of protest by the Consultant. Upon receipt of said documentation the Procurement Manager will review the issues relative to the dispute and issue a written finding.

Should the Consultant and the Procurement Manager fail to resolve the dispute the Consultant may submit an appeal of the Procurement Manager's finding in writing within five (5) calendar days to the Town Manager. Failure to submit such an appeal of the written finding shall constitute acceptance of the finding by the Consultant. Upon receipt of said notification the Town Manager will review the issues relative to the dispute and issue a written finding.

Appeal to the Town Manager for his/her resolution, is required prior to Consultant being entitled to seek judicial relief in connection therewith. Should the amount of compensation require approval or disapproval by the Town Council, Consultant will not be entitled to seek judicial relief unless:

- i. it has first received the Town Manager's written decision, approved by the Town Council if applicable, or
- ii. a period of sixty (60) calendar days has expired after submitting to the Town Manager a detailed statement of the dispute, accompanied by all supporting documentation, or a period of ninety (90) calendar days has expired where the Town Manager's decision is subject to Town Council approval; or
- iii. Town has waived compliance with the procedure set forth in this section by written instrument(s) signed by the Town Manager.

## A8.03. Mediation – Waiver of Jury Trial

In an effort to engage in a cooperative effort to resolve conflict which may arise during the course of the Agreement, the parties to this Agreement agree all disputes between them will be submitted to non-binding mediation prior to the initiation of litigation, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties. A certified Mediator, who the parties find mutually acceptable, will conduct any Mediation Proceedings in Miami-Dade County, State of Florida. The parties will split the costs of a certified mediator on a 50/50 basis. The Consultant agrees to include such similar contract provisions with all Subconsultants and/or independent Consultants and/or Consultants retained for the project(s), thereby providing for non-binding mediation as the primary mechanism for dispute resolution.

In an effort to expedite the conclusion of any litigation, the parties voluntarily waive their right to jury trial or to file permissive counterclaims in any action arising under this Agreement.

#### A8.04. Continuing the Services

Consultant shall continue to provide the Services during all disputes or disagreements with Town. No Services shall be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements.

# A8.05. Stop Work Order

The Town may, at any time, by written order to the Consultant, require the Consultant to stop all, or any part, of the Services due to any conflict or potential conflict with Town operational requirements, storm related events, or other similar circumstances. The Town, where possible will make every effort to provide at minimum of forty-eight (48) hours advanced notice.

## A8.06. Set-offs, Withholding, & Deductions

The Town may set-off, deduct or withhold from any payment due the Consultant, such sums as may be specifically allowed in the Contract or by applicable law including, without limitation, the following:

- 1. Any amount of any claim by a third party;
- 2. Any Liquidated Damages, and/or;
- Any unpaid legally enforceable debt owed by the Consultant to the Town.

The Town will notify the Consultant in writing of any such withholdings.

Any withholding, which is ultimately held to have been wrongful, will be paid to the Consultant in accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act

## A8.07. Time in Which to Bring Action Against the Town

In the event the Consultant may be deemed to have a cause of action against the Town, no action shall lie or be maintained by the Consultant against the Town upon any claim arising out of or

based upon the Agreement by reason of any act or omission or requirement of the Town or its agents, unless such action shall be commenced within six (6) months after the date of issuance of a final payment under the Agreement, or if the Agreement is terminated under the provisions of the Agreement unless such action is commenced within six (6) months after the date of such termination by the Town.

# A9. Miscellaneous

## A9.01. Indemnification

The Consultant will hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the Town, its officials and employees from any and all claims, losses and causes of actions which may arise out of the performance of this Agreement as a result of any act of negligence or negligent omission, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Consultant or its employees, agents, or Subconsultants. The Consultant will pay all claims and losses of any nature whatsoever in connection therewith in the name of the Town when applicable, and will pay all costs, including without limitation reasonable attorney's and appellate attorney's fees, and judgments which may issue thereon. The Consultant's obligation under this paragraph will not be limited in any way by the agreed upon the Agreement value, or the Consultant's limit of, or lack of, sufficient insurance protection and applies to the full extent that it is caused by the negligence, act, omission, recklessness or intentional wrongful conduct of the Consultants, its agents, servants, or representatives.

The Consultant's obligation to indemnify the Town shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

The Town has provided specific consideration for the indemnification of \$10.00 from the sums due to the Consultant under this Agreement.

## A9.02. Entire Agreement

This Agreement, as it may be amended from time to time, represents the entire and integrated Agreement between the Town and the Consultant and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, written or oral. This Agreement may not be amended, changed, modified, or otherwise altered in any respect, at any time after the execution hereof, except by a written document executed with the same formality and equal dignity herewith. Waiver by either party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement will not be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach of any provision of this Agreement.

#### A9.03. Severability

In the event any provision of the Agreement is determined by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or unenforceable, then such unenforceable or unlawful provision shall be excised from this Agreement, and the remainder of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the result of the deletion of such provision will materially and adversely affect the rights of either party, such party may elect, at its option, to terminate the Agreement in its entirety. An election to terminate the Agreement based upon this provision shall be made within seven (7) calendar days after the finding by the court becomes final.

## A9.04. Nonexclusive Agreement

Consultant Services under this Agreement are to be provided on a nonexclusive basis and the Town, at its sole discretion and right, may engage other firms to perform the same or similar Service, provided, however, that the Town will first notify the Consultant that the Town has

engaged such similar Service and that the duties performed or Service provided, to the extent they may conflict between the Consultant and those other firms engaged, are delineated by the Project Manager so that the Consultant and those similarly engaged are clear as to their responsibilities and obligations.

## **A9.05. Successors and Assigns**

The performance of this Agreement must not be transferred, pledged, sold, delegated, or assigned, in whole or in part, by the Consultant without the written consent of the Town Council or Town Manager, as applicable. It is understood that a sale of the majority of the stock or partnership shares of the Consultant, a merger or bulk sale, or an assignment for the benefit of creditors will each be deemed transactions that would constitute an assignment or sale hereunder requiring prior Town approval.

The Consultant's services are unique in nature and any transference without the prior written approval of the Town will be cause for the Town to terminate this Agreement. The Consultant will have no recourse from such cancellation. The Town may require bonding, other security, certified financial statements and tax returns from any proposed Assignee and the execution of an Assignment/ Assumption Agreement in a form satisfactory to the Town as a condition precedent to considering approval of an assignment.

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#### A9.06. No Waiver

Town and Consultant agree that each requirement, duty, and obligation set forth in the Agreement is substantial and important to the formation of the Agreement and, therefore, is a material term hereof. The Town's failure to enforce any provision of the Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of the Agreement. A waiver of any breach of a provision of the Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of the Agreement.

## A9.07. Applicable Law and Venue

This Agreement will be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any suit or action brought by any party concerning this Agreement, or arising out of this Agreement, must be brought in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Each party will bear its own attorney's fees except in actions arising out of Consultant's duties to indemnify the Town where Consultant must pay the Town's reasonable attorney's fees.

## A9.08. Notices

Whenever either party desires to give notice unto the other, such notice must be in writing, sent by registered United States mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the party for whom it is intended and at the place last specified; and the place for giving of notice will remain such until it has been changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. For the present, the parties designate the following as the respective places for giving of notice:

For Town of Miami Lakes:

For Consultant:

Edward Pidermann Town Manager 6601 Main Street Miami Lakes, Florida 33014 pidermanne@miamilakes-fl.gov

With a copy to:
Nathalie Garcia
Procurement Manager
At the same address as above
garcian@miamilakes-fl.gov

Eduardo Gonzalez Sun City Strategies, LLC 7625 W 14<sup>th</sup> Court Hialeah, FL 33014 egonzalez102@yahoo.com

## A9.09. Interpretation

The language of this Agreement has been agreed to by both parties to express their mutual intent and no rule of strict construction will be applied against either party hereto. The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and will not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. All personal pronouns used in this Agreement includes the other gender, and the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa, unless the context otherwise requires. Terms such as "herein," "hereof," "hereunder," and "hereinafter" refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular sentence, paragraph, or section where they appear, unless the context otherwise requires. Whenever reference is made to a Section or Article of this Agreement, such reference is to the Section or Article as a whole, including all of the subsections of such Section, unless the reference is made to a particular subsection or subparagraph of such Section or Article.

## A9.10. Joint Preparation

Preparation of this Agreement has been a joint effort of the Town and Consultant and the resulting document will not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the parties than any other.

## **A9.11. Priority of Provisions**

If there is a conflict or inconsistency between any term, statement, requirement, or provision of any exhibit attached hereto, any document or events referred to herein, or any document incorporated into this Agreement by reference and a term, statement, requirement, or provision of this Agreement, the term, statement, requirement, or provision contained in this Agreement will prevail over any document incorporated by reference and be given effect.

## A9.12. Compliance with Laws

Consultant must comply with all applicable laws, codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and resolutions, and all applicable guidelines and standards in performing its duties, responsibilities, and obligations related to this Agreement. This includes the Consultant maintaining in good standing all required licenses, certificates, and permits as required to perform the Services.

## i. Non-Discrimination

Town warrants and represents that it does not and will not engage in discriminatory practices and that there must be no discrimination in connection with Consultant's performance under this Agreement on account of race, color, sex, religion, age, handicap, marital status, or national origin. Consultant further covenants that no otherwise qualified individual will, solely by reason of his/her race, color, sex, religion, age, handicap, marital status, or national origin, be excluded

from participation in, be denied services, or be subject to discrimination under any provision of this Agreement.

## A9.12-1. ADA Compliance

Consultant must affirmatively comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") in the course of providing any work, labor, or services funded by the Town, including Titles I & II of the ADA (regarding nondiscrimination on the basis of disability) and all applicable regulations, guidelines, and standards. Additionally, the Consultant must take affirmative steps to insure nondiscrimination in employment of disabled persons.

## A9.12-2. OSHA Compliance

The Consultant warrants that it will comply with all safety precautions as required by federal, state or local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances. The Town reserves the right to refuse Consultant access to Town property, including project jobsites, if Consultant employees are not properly equipped with safety gear in accordance with OSHA regulations or if a continuing pattern of non-compliance with safety regulations is exhibited by Consultant.

#### A9.13. No Partnership

Consultant is an independent Consultant. This Agreement does not create a joint venture, partnership, or other business enterprise between the parties. The Consultant has no authority to bind the Town to any promise, debt, default, or undertaking of the Consultant.

## **A9.14. Discretion of Town Manager**

Any matter not expressly provided for herein dealing with the Town or decisions of the Town will be within the exercise of the reasonable professional discretion of the Town Manager.

## **A9.15. Contingency Clause**

Funding for this Agreement is contingent on the availability of funds and continued authorization for the services and the Agreement is subject to amendment or termination due to lack of funds, reduction of funds, or change in regulations, upon thirty (30) days' notice. The Consultant shall be entitled to discontinue Services, which may include uncompleted hearings, without any recourse by the Town if the funding is not available to pay for Services not yet begun. In any event, the Town acknowledges that it will pay for Services performed that have been properly authorized by the Project Manager.

#### A9.16. Third-Party Beneficiary

Consultant and the Town agree that it is not intended that any provision of this Agreement establishes a third-party beneficiary giving or allowing any claim or right of action whatsoever by any third-party under this Agreement.

#### A9.17. No Estoppel

Neither the Town's review, approval, or acceptance of, or payment for Services performed under this Agreement will be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Agreement, and the Consultant will be and remain liable to the Town in accordance with applicable laws for all damages to the Town caused by the Consultant's negligent performance of any of the Services under this Agreement. The rights and remedies provided for under this Agreement are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.

#### A9.18. Force Majeure

The Town and Consultant will be excused from the performance of their respective obligations under the Contract when and to the extent that their performance is delayed or prevented by any circumstances beyond their control including, fire, flood, explosion, act of God or public emergency, war, riot, civil commotion, malicious damage, act or omission of any governmental authority, delay or failure or shortage of any type of equipment, or service from a public utility needed for their performance, provided that:

- a. The non-performing party gives the other party prompt written notice describing the particulars of the Force Majeure including, but not limited to, the nature of the occurrence and its expected duration, and continues to furnish timely reports with respect thereto during the period of the Force Majeure;
- b. The excuse of performance is of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is required by the Force Majeure;
- c. No obligations of either party that arose before the Force Majeure causing the excuse of performance are excused as a result of the Force Majeure; and
- d. The non-performing party uses its best efforts to remedy its inability to perform.

Notwithstanding the above, performance shall not be excused under this Article for a period in excess of two (2) months, provided that in extenuating circumstances, the Town may excuse performance for a longer term. Economic hardship of the Consultant will not constitute Force Majeure.

The following circumstances shall not constitute Force Majeure:

- a. Economic hardship
- b. Inclement weather except as permitted by Florida law

## A9.19. Town May Avail Itself of All Remedies

The Town may avail itself of each and every remedy stated in the Agreement or existing at law or in equity. The exercise or the beginning of the exercise, of one remedy shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to exercise, at the same time or thereafter, of any other remedy.

**END OF SECTION** 

## **SECTION B. SPECIAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

# **B1.** GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Scope of Work for State Lobbying Services includes, but is not limited to, being proactive in monitoring, taking positions, and lobbying on state budgeting and legislation which impacts the Town of Miami Lakes ("Town"), particularly in areas of public safety, law enforcement, business attraction and retention, infrastructure improvements, telecommunications, transportation, environmental, park development, park land acquisition, revenue enhancements, and unfunded mandates.

## **B2.** EXPECTATIONS OF CONSULTANT

The Town seeks to retain the services of a State Legislative consultant. The Consultant shall agree to be available at all times upon reasonable request to meet with the Town Manager, Town Council, and others as specified to perform the Services, including attending meetings with the Executive branch, Legislators and legislative staff on matters directly or indirectly affecting the Town. The Consultant shall demonstrate the following:

- Ability to demonstrate that the specific staff assigned to the Town has considerable, relevant experience with this type of work and should emphasized their experience, working knowledge of the Town, regional and State of Florida Issues.
- Possess or have continual and immediate access to legal and legislative expertise sufficient to execute all tasks and responsibilities in a thorough, competent and professional manner.
- Have a demonstrated and verified track record of being proactive in monitoring and identifying state funding opportunities.
- Have established, longstanding and positive working relationships with members of the State Legislature and staff, as well as Committee and State agency staff.

# **B3. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED**

The following list of Services is intended as a general guide and is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all Services required.

#### Monitoring

- 1. Review on a continuing basis all existing and proposed State of Florida policies, programs and legislation affecting the Town. Identify those issues that may directly or indirectly affect the Town or its citizens, and regularly inform the Town as to such matters, both orally and in writing, including the benefits and any inverse impacts of prosed legislation.
- 2. Review legislative policy statements of other governments and lobbying groups for the purpose of identifying issues, which may either positively or negatively affect the Town.
- 3. Work closely with the Mayor, Town Council, Town Manager and staff in the coordination and development of the Town's legislative program from both long and short-term perspectives, as well as legislative priorities. These issues may include public safety, law enforcement, business attraction and retention, infrastructure improvements, transportation, environmental, affordable housing economic development, revenue enhancement, grants, mandates and other issues.

- 4. Work with the Mayor, Town Manager and staff to develop special or general legislation in keeping with, or supportive of, the Town's adopted legislative program.
- 5. Develop and evaluate strategy for support, opposition or amendment of pending legislation.

# **Bill Tracking**

- 1. Obtain and monitor all bills, resolutions, files, journals, histories, etc. that may have an impact on the legislative or regulatory interests of the Town.
- 2. Copies of any bills and any amendments that are determined to have an impact on the legislative and regulatory interests of the Town. Copies shall be forward to the Mayor, Town Council and Town Manager.
- 3. Once legislative positions are established by the Town, required actions should be tracked and updated on a regular basis.
- 4. Prepare and submit reports that may include but not be limited to: Personal briefings and information bulletins pertinent to any legislation, rules or regulations, and other State policies or programs that affect the Town and its citizens either directly or indirectly. Written summary report shall be submitted at the end of each week detailing legislative action taken during the week, status of legislative issues, anticipated action during the upcoming week, and suggested action plan that Mayor or Town staff may implement. A detailed written report of specific legislation and new requirements affecting the Town shall be provided within a reasonable time period, not to exceed thirty (30) days from the close of session.
- 5. Prepare and submit periodic written reports (at least weekly) during those months that the State of Florida Senate and House of Representatives are in session, on issues of interest or concern to the Town and monthly when they are not in session. Such information may include but is not limited to action taken at interim committee meetings, rulemaking hearings, status of studies underway, and advance notice of legislation being proposed.

## **Legislative Advocacy**

- 1. The Town's position on key legislative action shall be transmitted to members of the State Legislature and staff, including Committee staff through personal discussions with legislators, staff, committee consultants, and State agency representatives, and other interest groups.
- 2. Testify and lobby before the State of Florida Senate, House of Representatives, executive branch and cabinet as necessary on behalf of the Town during the annual legislative sessions, extended or special session(s), at legislative committee meetings agency hearings, rulemaking proceedings, and during floor debate in both houses of the State of Florida's government.
- 3. Send letters notifying appropriate officials and agencies of the Town's position and drafting announcements.
- 4. Upon request by the Town, assist the Town in coordinating applications and advocating for State of Florida grants. The consultant is not expected to prepare grant applications.
- 5. Design and implement a strategy, in consultation with the Town that raises the consciousness and awareness of issues related to the Town with legislative leaders and broadens and improves direct communication with Town officials with the legislative leadership.
- 6. Upon request, coordinate appointments/meetings between the Mayor or other Town staff, and appropriate State officials and legislators, including organizing agendas and meetings during Dade Days in Tallahassee.

## **State Budget Issues**

1. Focus efforts supporting the Town's appropriation requests and legislative objectives during the final phases of legislative action on spending and authorization legislation, including coordinating meeting with relevant members of the legislature or staff in support of the Town's state objectives (as appropriate).

## **B4. CONTRACT TERM**

The Agreement shall be effective upon execution by both parties and shall continue for a period of three (3) years from the date of execution by the Town. The Town retains two (2) options to extend the term of the Agreement for additional one-year terms.

# **B5.** COMPENSATION

## **B5.01-1.** Compensation Limits

The amount of compensation payable by the Town to the Consultant for the Services shall be a monthly payment, based on Form PP, as may have been amended during negotiations, which shall cover all costs incurred by the Consultant in the provision of the Services; provided however, that in no event shall the amount of compensation exceed twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) per year, unless explicitly approved by action of the Town Council or Town Manager as applicable and put into effect by written amendment to this Agreement.

Compensation for Additional Services shall be negotiation by the Project Manager and the Consultant on a case by case basis.

#### B5.01-2. Payments

Payment shall be made in accordance with Florida Statute Chapter 218, Part VII, Local Government Prompt Payment Act, after receipt of Consultant's invoice. If Consultant is entitled to reimbursement of any expenses under Form PP, then all bills for such expenses shall be submitted with the invoice. Any reimbursement expenses identified in Form PP that are covered under Section 112.061, Florida Statutes shall be reimbursed at the stipulated rate. Unless otherwise directed in writing, the Consultant shall utilize the Town's standard invoice form for the submission of invoices.

#### **B6.** ADDITIONAL SERVICES

## **B6.01. Work Orders**

An independent and detailed Work Order or an Amendment to a previously issued Work Order shall be required to be issued and signed by the Town Manager for each Additional Services requested by the Town. The Work Order will specify the fee for such service and if applicable, the upper limit of the fee, which shall not be exceeded, and shall comply with the Town's regulations, including the Procurement Ordinance and other applicable laws.

#### **B6.02. Lump Sum**

Compensation for Additional Services shall be a Lump Sum, with either a Fixed Fee or Not to Exceed Fee as deemed appropriate by the Town, to be mutually agreed upon in writing by the Town and the

Consultant and stated in a Work Order. Lump Sum and Lump Sum Not to Exceed methods of compensation are the preferred methods of compensation.

#### B6.02-1. <u>Lump Sum Fixed Fee</u>

Lump Sum Fixed Fee shall be the total amount of compensation to be paid to the Consultant for the Services performed on a specific Project or phase or task under a Work Order. Payments to the Consultant shall be based on a percentage of completion basis.

## B6.02-2. <u>Lump Sum Not to Exceed Fee</u>

Lump Sum Not to Exceed Fee shall establish the maximum among of compensation to be paid to the Consultant for the Services performed on a specific Project, phase or task under a Work Order. Payments to the Consultant shall be based on the actual work effort required to complete the Project, phase or task.

## B6.02-3. Guaranteed Maximum Lump Sum

Guaranteed Lump Sum shall be the total maximum fee amount payable by Town wherein certain aspects, tasks or allowances may not be defined, quantified and calculated at the time of Work Order issuance. A Guaranteed Maximum Lump Sum compensation may represent a combination of Fixed Fees for professional services and not to exceed allowances for any Reimbursable Expenses.

## **B6.03.** Reimbursable Expenses

The Town shall not be liable or responsible for the reimbursement of any expenses incurred by the Consultant in providing the Services except as specifically stated in the Agreement. All reimbursable Services shall be billed to the Town at direct cost incurred by the Consultant.

The Town will reimburse the Consultant for authorized Reimbursable Expenses pursuant to the limitations of this Agreement as verified by supporting documentation deemed appropriate by Town Manager or designee including, without limitation, detailed bills, itemized invoices and/or copies of canceled checks.

**END OF SECTION** 

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

WITNESS/ATTEST  LLL  Signature	(Sun City Strategies, LLC)  Signature
ELIZABETH AYALA, APM. ASST. Print Name, Title	Eduardo Gonzalez, President Print Name, Title of Authorized Officer or Official
ATTEST:	(Corporate Seal)
Firm's Secretary  (Affirm Firm's Seal, if available)	
ATTEST:	<b>Town of Miami Lakes</b> , a municipal corporation of the State of Florida
Shin In	Edward Pidermann Digitally signed by Edward Pidermann Date: 2020.04.22 13:42:50 -04'00'
Gina Inguanzo, Town Clerk	Edward Pidermann, Town Manager
	APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CORRECTNESS:
	Town Attorney

# CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Sun City Strategies LLC a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida held on the 14 day of MARH, 2020 a resolution was duly passed and adopted authorizing (Name) Edvardo Consules as (Title) President of the corporation and providing that his/her execution thereof, attested by the secretary of the corporation, shall be the official act and deed of the corporation.
I further certify that said resolution remains in full force and effect.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16, day of MALLY, 2020.
Secretary:
Print: BARBHAR GONZACEZ
NOTARIZATION
STATE OF FLORIDA
STATE OF FLORIDA ) SS:
COUNTY OF <u>miami-0 ADE</u> )
COUNTY OF MINIMUM STILL
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this
SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA
MARIA L. TORKOL #GG 210135
PRINTED, STAMPED OR TYPED
NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

**EXHIBIT A – CONSULTANT'S PROPOSAL** 

# E.1.0.1. TECHNICAL COMPONENT OF THE RFP.

# 1. Company Declaration:

Proposer must complete and submit Form CPD, Company Profile & Declaration for this section of its Proposal.

Please see attached the completed Company Profile & Declaration form.

# 2. Qualifications of the Proposer:

Proposer must complete and submit the following for this section of its Proposal.

A. Form CQQ Company Qualification Questionnaire for this section of its Proposal.

Please see attached the completed Company Qualification Questionnaire.

- B. The overall capabilities, qualifications, training and areas of expertise for each of the partners/principals and associates that may be assigned to work with the Town including but not limited to:
  - 1. Provide a list of the individual (s) who will be providing the Services required under the Agreement and indicate the function that each will perform. Include a biography for each designated individual. List all circumstances in which the Town would be working with someone not designated.

Sun City Strategies is a business and government consulting company established in 2013 and is located in Miami-Dade County. Our office has two full-time lobbyists and one full-time office administrator

Sun City Strategies brings a plethora of expertise. With our firm's expertise and experience, Sun City Strategies has unmatched qualification to assist the Town of Miami Lakes in navigating the complexities of securing specific budget priorities, strategizing to achieve success in the passage or defeat of critical legislation. Having the ability to interface with legislators year round, formally during committee week and session.

Our success in the past speaks for itself. Sun City Strategies has helped secure millions in appropriations during the recent Legislative sessions for our clients. Additionally, we were equally successful in the policy arena.

We propose to advocate on behalf of the Town of Miami Lakes before the State of Florida Legislature, Executive Branch, Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation, Office of the Governor and Cabinet regarding the Town's legislative and appropriations matters. Sun City Strategies stands ready to protect and assist the Town of Miami Lakes with its needs. In addition, and as part of our scope of service, we will provide electronic correspondence on a regular basis, any analyses and important governmental announcements.

Our scope of service will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- ➤ Review on a continuing basis all existing and proposed State of Florida policies, programs and legislation affecting the Town. Identify those issues that may directly or indirectly affect the Town or its citizens;
- Review legislative policy statements of other governments and lobbying groups for the purpose of identifying issues, which may either positively or negatively affect the Town.
- ➤ Work closely with the Mayor, Town Council, Town Manager and staff in the coordination and development of the Town's legislative programs;
- ➤ Work with the Town Council and staff to develop a legislative agenda and to determine budget priorities for the Town and attempt to secure state funding for those priorities;
- ➤ Provide timely written communication to the Town Manger or his designee;
- ➤ Obtain and monitor all bills, resolutions, etc. that may have an impact on the legislative or regulatory interests of the Town;
- > Prepare and submit reports as required;
- ➤ Coordinate meetings as needed with the State officials and legislators:
- Advise when the Town's leadership and/or staff may be required in person in Tallahassee to address issues of particular interest to the Town.

For this proposal, Sun City Strategies proposes Eduardo Gonzalez and William McRea will be key staff. Your primary point of contact will be Eduardo Gonzalez managing all interactions with the Mayor and Town Manager. There are no foreseen circumstances where the Town will be working directly with anyone other than the professionals listed above.



**Eduardo Gonzalez -** Mr. Gonzalez began his career serving his community. He joined the Kiwanis Club of Flamingo Hialeah in 1991, where he was appointed Treasurer in 1993 and then became President of the organization in 1995. The organization held toy drives for under-privileged children, provided Thanksgiving dinner-basket giveaways for the needy families in the community and held festivals and community events.

In 1998 Eddy served on the City of Hialeah's water and sewer board. He was appointed as Councilmember to the City of Hialeah in 1998. He then was elected in 1999 and was reelected subsequently until 2006. In 2003 he was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve a 2-year term on the State Legislative Committee on Inter-governmental relations.

Eddy was an Executive Board Member of the Miami Dade County League of Cities where he also served as President. During that time he also served as an Executive Committee Member of the Florida League of Cities.

In 2006 he was elected State Representative to the Florida House of Representatives and reelected subsequently until 2014. He was Chairman of Local and Federal Affairs. He also served on Appropriations, Higher Ed, K-12, Health Innovation and Health & Human Services Committees.

He was elected by his colleagues to be Chairman of the Miami Dade Legislative Delegation in 2012 and 2013.



**William McRea - Mr. McRea** is a Miami native with several years of experience in Florida's political and public policy arenas.

He began working in the public sector as the Deputy City Clerk for the City of Hialeah Gardens in 2011. He later served as a legislative assistant to Florida State House Representative Eddy Gonzalez and Florida State Senator Anitere Flores.

William left the Legislature to attend law school. While in law school, William was the President of the Student Bar Association and the Managing Editor of the Journal of Complex Litigation. He is a Florida Bar licensed attorney and an associate at Sun City Strategies.

## 3. Subconsultants/Team and Key Staff

Proposer must complete and submit the following for this section of its Proposal.

a. Provide the name, address, contact person, telephone number, and email address for each Subconsultant or Team member.

Not Applicable

\* Explain area of expertise and why they were selected as a Subconsultant/Team member.

Not Applicable

\* Explain the Services each Subconsultant/Team member will provide under the Agreement.

Not Applicable

\* Explain the reporting structure and provide a Table of Organization reflecting the reporting structure.

The Table of Organization below identifies the key personnel and the reporting structure.

Eduardo Gonzalez, President Sun City Strategies, LLC

William McRea, Associate Sun City Strategies, LLC

# 4. <u>Current Practices/Conflicts of Interest</u>

Proposer must complete and submit the following for this section of its Proposal.

a. List any political contributions of money, in-kind services, or loans made to any member of a Town/City/County Council, State Legislator, or similar individual or entity within the last three (3) years by the Proposer.

Sun City Strategies has not given any political contributions of money, in-kind services, or loans to any member of the Town Council within the last three years.

b. List all public clients for which you and your firm previously provided services for over the last five (5) years.

Sun City Strategies has provided similar services to the following public clients over the last five years:

City of Doral
City of Hialeah Gardens
City of West Miami
Miami-Dade County
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Miami-Dade Expressway Authority
Monroe County Board of County Commissioners
Town of Bay Harbor Islands
Town of Miami Lakes
Village of El Portal

c. List all current or former clients residing in, having an interest in a business, or owning an interest in property within the Town within the past three (3) years.

Sun City Strategies previously represented Nicklaus Children's Hospital, which has a facility in the Town.

d. Explain any experiences that the Proposer has with its Subconsultants or the Team members have in working together on lobbying services of similar nature.

e. Explain any experience that the Key Staff have in working together on lobbying services of similar nature.

Former State Representative Eduardo Gonzalez and William McRea (Key Staff) have a relationship that spans for almost nine (9) years. Mr. McRea worked together with Mr. Gonzalez as his legal aid in Tallahassee for four (4) years. Representing their district in Tallahassee, which includes the areas of City of Hialeah, Town of Miami Lakes, City of Miramar and parts of City of Doral. They assisted each City and Town in passing legislation and securing state funding for the projects each individual City/Town needed.

f. Provide a sample grants alert notification, monthly activities tracking memo/report and any other materials which demonstrate how the Proposer keeps clients regularly updated, with confidential information redacted.

Sun City Strategies routinely prepares bill status reports for its clients. Attached is the sample report.

# 5. Experience of the Proposer

Proposer must complete and submit the following for this section of its Proposal.

a. Provide a list of other Florida cities or counties your firm has represented. Include contact information for point of contact and years your firm has represented those entities.

City of Doral 8401 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Terrace Doral, Florida 33166 Mayor, Juan Carlos Bermudez Tel: (305) 593-6725 Time Represented: 1 year 11 months

City of Hialeah Gardens 10001 NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33016 Mayor, Yioset De La Cruz Tel: 305-558-4114 Time Represented: 3 years 9 months

City of West Miami 901 SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West Miami, Florida 33144 Yolanda Aguilar – City Manager Tel: (305) 266-1122 Time Represented: 9 Months Miami-Dade County 111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor Miami, Florida 33128 Mayor, Carlos Gimenez Tel: (305) 375-5071

Time Represented: 2 years

Monroe County Board of County Commissioners 1100 Simonton Street Key West, Florida 33040 Mr. Roman Gastesi, County Administrator

Tel: (305) 292-4441 Time Represented: 2 years

Town of Bay Harbor Islands 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, Second Floor Bay Harbor Islands, Florida Councilman/Former Mayor, Jordan Leonard Tel: (305) 866-6241

Tel: (305) 866-6241 Time Represented: 2 years

Town of Miami Lakes 6601 Main Street Miami Lakes, Florida 33014 Mayor, Manny Cid Tel: (305) 364-6100 Time Represented: 2 years 11months

Village of El Portal 500 NE 87<sup>th</sup> Street El Portal, Florida 33138 Mayor, Claudia Cubillos Tel: (305) 795-7880

Time Represented: 10 months

# b. Describe your firm's existing relationship(s) with State of Florida Local Legislative Delegation and with other key legislators and support staff.

Sun City Strategies lead by Former State Representative Eduardo Gonzalez has over 21 years experience, having dedicated his career to public service, serving as Chairman on Local and Federal Affairs committee. Mr. Gonzalez has spent his eight years in office, focusing mainly on local government issues. Additionally, he also served on Appropriations, Higher Ed, K-12 Education, Health Innovation and Health and Human

Services committees. He was elected by his colleagues as Chairman of the Miami Dade Legislative Delegation in 2012 and 2013. Throughout the years he has created and maintained relationships with elected officials all throughout the State of Florida.

c. Describe the scope and extent of any specialized expertise in any area or issue, including, but not limited to, transportation, human services, state budge/appropriations, land use, public safety, water resources, environment, general urban issues, education and children, et. Identify current or past public entity clients for which you have provided such services with examples.

Sun City Strategies brings a plethora of expertise. Having the ability to interface with legislators year round, formally during committee week and session. Former State Representative Eduardo Gonzalez is a tactician when it comes to identifying sources for local funding.

Our success in the past speaks for itself. Sun City Strategies has helped secure millions in appropriations during the recent Legislative sessions for our clients. Additionally, we were equally successful in the policy arena.

Examples of recent successes include:

### **City of Hialeah Gardens**

2019: Sun City Strategies secured \$ 292,000 in funding for the elderly meals program and \$800,000 for senior center improvements.

2018: Sun City Strategies secured \$ 292,000 in funding for the elderly meals program.

2017: Sun City Strategies secured \$ 1.2 Million in funding for drainage improvements and \$292,000 in funding for the elderly meals program.

### **Town of Miami Lakes**

2018: Sun City Strategies secured \$ 500,000 in funding for the west drainage improvements, phase III and \$ 500,000 for the Royal Oaks Drainage Improvements.

2017: Sun City Strategies secured \$1 Million for the Miami Lakes Canal Bank stabilization project phase II.

### **Bay Harbor Islands**

2019: Sun City Strategies secured \$ 250,000 for Bay Harbor Islands sewer lateral lining project.

### City of Doral

2019: Sun City Strategies secured \$447,500 for Pedestrian safety/roadway improvements 112<sup>th</sup> Ave and \$ 200,000 for Doral storm water improvements NW 114<sup>th</sup> Ave/50th St.

### **City of West Miami**

2019: Sun City Strategies secured \$ 985,210 for the City of West Miami Potable water system.

### **Florida League of Cities**

2019: Sun City Strategies assisted Florida League of Cities with several of their successful legislations.

2018: Sun City Strategies assisted Florida League of Cities with several of their successful legislations.

2017: Sun City Strategies assisted Florida League of Cities with several of their successful legislations.

### **Miami-Dade County**

2019: Sun City Strategies secured \$ 500,000 for Operation Blue and Brown.

2018: Sun City Strategies secured \$ 7,161,630 for the Cultural and Museum Grant Funding, \$22,454,678 for the State Aid to Public Libraries and \$800,000 for the Miami Military Museum and Memorial Education Center.

### **Monroe County**

2019: Sun City Strategies secured \$ 1,000,000 for Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority Stock Island reverse osmosis, \$ 339,000 for the Truman little white house preservation project, \$ 150,000 for Key Colony Beach City Hall hurricane damage repairs, \$ 200,000 for Florida Keys are Health Education Center- Monroe County Children's Health Center, \$ 100,000 for Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens and \$ 100,000 for Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition – Healthy and Growing from the start. A continuum of care program.

2018: Sun City Strategies secured \$ 5 Million for their FKCC EOC/High School-Middle School Educational Facility and \$ 250,000 for the FKCC Hurricane Student Gap Funding.

# d. Provide suggestions for funding and policy areas that may be beneficial for the Town to purse.

Identify policy areas that can have a positive impact on the Town's budget it's always an innovative way to pass legislation. We also would suggest traditional funding areas like elderly meals, water projects and Infrastructure.

e. Provide information relating to industry ratings or special recognition received by the Proposer for lobbying representation services, if applicable.

Not Applicable

### 6. Professional References

Proposer must complete and submit the following for this section of its Proposal.

a. Provide three (3) references for the Key Staff recommended to provide the Services. Include the reference contact name, name of entity, address, work telephone number, and email address for each reference.

### **Key Staff**

City of Hialeah Gardens Mayor, Yioset De La Cruz 10001 NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue Hialeah Gardens, Fl 33016

Tel: 305-558-4114

Email: ydelacruz@cityofhialeahgardens.com

Hialeah Park John J. Brunetti, Jr., President & CEO 2200 East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Hialeah, Fl 33013 Tel: (305) 885-8000

City of Doral Mayor, Juan Carlos Bermudez 8401 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Terrace Doral, Fl 33166

Tel: (305) 593-6725

Email: JuanCarlos.Bermudez@cityofdoral.com

Provide three (3) references for the Proposer and each b. Subconsultant. If the Proposer is made up of multiple business, three (3) references must be provided for each entity.

### <u>Proposer</u>

Miami-Dade County Mayor, Carlos Gimenez 111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor Miami, Fl 33128

Tel: 305-375-5071

Email: mayor@miamidade.gov

Monroe County Board of County Commissioners Mr. Roman Gastesi, County Administrator 1100 Simonton Street Key West, Fl 33040

Tel: 305- 292-4441

Email: gastesi-roman@monroecounty-fl.gov

City of West Miami Ms. Yolanda Aguilar, City Manager 901 SW 62 Avenue Miami, Fl 33144

Tel: 305-266-1122

Email: yolandaaguilar@cityofwestmiami.org

## 7. FORMS

In addition to the Forms and documents identified elsewhere in the RFP the following Form must be submitted:

• Form AK - Anti-Kickback Affidavit

Attached hereto.

• Form PEC - Public Entity Crime Affidavit

Attached hereto.

• Form NCA - Non-Collusive Affidavit

Attached hereto.

Form COI – Conflict of Interest Affidavit

Attached hereto.

Form PR – Public Relations Affidavit

Attached hereto.

• Form PRA - Public Records Affidavit

Attached hereto.

Form CE – Contract Execution Form

Attached hereto.



### **Company Profile and Declaration**

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	(Name and Title of Officer Signing the Su	ibmittal for the Respondent)
	(Contact Name, if different from Officer) 7625 W 14th Court	otorios, el Misso del Miss
	(Street Address) Hialeah, Florida 33014	oble Federal, State, and focal livins, talk polices;
	(City/State/Zip Code) egonzalez102@yahoo.com	786-351-5849
	(Email Address)	(Phone Number)
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the ("Respondent") submitting the Company Profile and Declaration, and that I am duly authorized to sign this Company Profile and Declaration on behalf of the above-named company; and that all information in this Company Profile and Declaration and other information and documents submitted in response to this RFP are, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate, and complete as of the submission date.



The Respondent further certifies as follows:

- This Company Profile and Declaration is submitted as part of the Respondent's submittal ("Submittal") in response to the above stated RFP issued by the Town of Miami Lakes;
- Respondent has carefully examined all the documents contained in the RFP and understands all
  instructions, requirements, specifications, terms and conditions, and hereby offers and proposes
  to furnish the products and/or services described herein at the prices, fees and/or rates quoted
  in the Respondent's Submittal, and in accordance with the requirements, specifications, terms
  and conditions, and any other requirements of the RFP Documents;
- 3. This Submittal is a valid and irrevocable offer that will not be revoked and shall remain open for the Town's acceptance for a minimum of 120 days from the date Submittals are due to the Town, to allow for evaluation, selection, negotiation, and any unforeseen delays, and Respondent acknowledges that if its Submittal is accepted, Respondent is bound by all statements, representations, warranties, and guarantees made in its Submittal, including but not limited to, representation to price, fees, and/or rates, performance and financial terms;
- 4. Respondent has the necessary experience, knowledge, abilities, skills, and resources to satisfactorily perform the requirements under this RFP;
- 5. Respondent certifies that it meets the minimum qualification requirements set forth in the RFP.
- 6. Respondent is in full compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local lows, rules, regulations and ordinances governing its business practices;
- 7. All statements, information and representations prepared and submitted in response to the RFP are current, complete, true, and accurate. Respondent acknowledges that the Town will rely on such statements, information, and representations in selecting a Respondent, and hereby grants the Town permission to contact any persons identify in this RFP to independently verify the information provided in the Submittal;
- 8. Submission of a Submittal indicates the Respondent's acceptance of the evaluation criteria and technique and the Respondent's recognition that some subjective judgments may be made by the Town as part of the evaluation process;
- No attempt has or will be made by the Respondent to induce any other person or firm to not submit a response to this RFP;
- 10. No personnel currently employed by the Town participated, directly or indirectly, in any activities related to the preparation of the Respondent's Submittal;
- 11. Respondent has had no contact with Town personnel regarding the RFP, the Project or evaluation of Submittals in response to this RFP. If contact has occurred, except as permitted under the Cone of Silence, so state and include a statement identifying in detail the nature and extent of such contacts and personnel involved;
- 12. The pricing, rates or fees proposed by the Respondent have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restriction of competition, as to any other Respondent or competitor; and unless otherwise required by law,



the prices quoted have not been disclosed by the Respondent prior to submission of the Submittal, either directly or indirectly, to any other Respondent or competitor;

- 13. Respondent has reviewed a copy of the Contract, included as an Exhibit to the RFP; and
- 14. Respondent is not currently disqualified, de-listed or debarred from doing business with any public entity, including federal, state, county or local public entities, or if so, Respondent has provided a detailed explanation of such disqualification, de-listing or debarment, including the reasons and timeframe.

This declaration was executed in Mami-Dad	County, State of	florida on
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Eduardo Gonzalez		
Print Name		
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(Notary Seal/Stamp)



## **Company Qualification Questionnaire**

Some responses may require the inclusion of separate attachments. Separate attachments should be as concise as possible, while including the requested information. In no event should the total page count of all attachments to this Form exceed five (5) pages. Some Information may not be applicable, in such instances insert "N/A".

a.	Professional Licenses/Certification	ions (include name and license #	)* Issuance Dat
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lf	other, please describe the type of	f company:	
a.	FEIN/EIN Number:	46-2637933	
b.	Dept. of Business Professional F	Regulation Category (DBPR):	N of ownership
	i. Date Licensed by DBPR:	Preparate	
	ii. License Number:		
c.	Date registered to conduct busi	iness in the State of Florida:	3/4/2013
	i. Date filed:	3/4/2013	
	ii. Document Number:	L13000032517	
d.	Primary Office Location:	7625 W. 14th Court Hialeah,	, FI 33014
e.	What is your primary business?	Government & Business Con	sulting
e.	Title is your printery business:	(This answer should be specific)	



g. Names of previous relationship to com	Qualifiers during the past five (5) years pany and years as qualifier for the con	npany:
h. Name and Licenses	of any prior companies	8 0 0 0
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a. 10% Sep. 18 hAlpho	or partners of the company:	
Company Ownership  a. Identify all owners  Name	or partners of the company:  Title	% of ownership
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 Identify all individuals authorized to sign for the company, indicating the level of their authority (check applicable boxes and for other provide specific levels of authority)

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Barbara Gonzalez	Vice President	and or	Ø			
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Employee Information						
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a. Insurance Carrier					67.48	NO-100
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	b. Insurance contact Name, telephone, & e-mail.
	Nidia Soto, Tel#:305-446-5474, Email: nsoto@ncfins.com
	c. Insurance Experience Modification Rating (EMR):  (if no EMR rating please explain why)
	d. Number of Insurance Claims paid out in last 5 years & value: 0
7.	Have any lawsuits been file against your company in the past 5 years? ☐ Yes 💢 No
	If yes, in a separate attachment, identify each lawsuit and its current disposition. For each lawsuit provide its case number, venue, the year the suit was filed, the basis for the claim or judgment, its current disposition and, if applicable, the settlement unless the value of the settlement is covered by a written confidentiality agreement.
8.	To the best of your knowledge, is your company or any officers of your company currently under investigation by any law enforcement agency or public entity.   Yes No
	If yes, in a separate attachment, provide details including the identity of the officer and the nature of the investigation.
9.	Have any Key Staff or Principals (including stockholders with over 10% ownership) of the company been convicted by a Federal, State, County or Municipal Court of or do any Key Staff or Principals have any pending violations of law, other than traffic violations?   Yes
	If yes, in a separate attachment, provide an explanation of any convictions or pending action including the name of the Key Staff member or Principal involved and the nature of the offense.
10.	Has your company been assessed liquidated damages or defaulted on a project in the past five (5) years?   Yes No
	If yes, in a separate attachment provide an explanation including the name of the project, the circumstances of default or assessed damages, and the ultimate disposition of the issue.
11.	Has the Proposer or any of its principals failed to qualify as a responsible proposer, refused to enter into a contract after an award has been made, failed to complete a contract during the past five (5) years, or been declared to be in default in any contract in the last five (5) years?   No
	If yes, in a separate attachment provide an explanation including the year, the name of the awarding agency, and the circumstances leading to default.
12.	Has the proposer or any of its principals ever been declared bankrupt or reorganized under Chapter 11 or put into receivership?   Yes No

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If yes, in a separate attachment provide the date, court jurisdiction, action taken, and any other explanation deemed necessary.

13. In a separate attachment, provide a list of all desk reviews of field reviews performed by Federal

or State agencies within the past five (5) year review, the review's current status, and wheth the Proposer as a result of these reviews.	ars including information on the result of each er any disciplinary action has been taken against
14. In the space below, describe any other experie requirements of the RFP, related to the Sen Proposer believes is unique to its organization at	vices to be performed under the Contract that
By signing below, Proposer certifies that the information the best of Proposer's knowledge.	tion contained herein is complete and accurate to
By: May (A)	12-23-19
Signature of Authorized Officer	Date
Eduardo Gonzalez	
Printed Name	

# Town of Miami Lakes Ordered by Bill Number

HB 3377	Miami Lakes Business Park Northeast Transportation Infrastructure by Avila				
	Committees of Reference				
	House Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee  House Appropriations Committee (Current Reference)				
	Actions				
	05/04/2019 HOUSE Died in Appropriations Committee				
HB 3733	Miami Lakes Royal Oaks Drainage Improvements Phase II Project by Avila				
	Committees of Reference				
	House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee  House Appropriations Committee (Current Reference)				
	Actions				
	05/04/2019 HOUSE Died in Appropriations Committee				
HB 3735	Miami Lakes Business Park Southeast Transportation Infrastructure by Avila				
	Committees of Reference				
	House Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee  House Appropriations Committee (Current Reference)				
	Actions				
	05/04/2019 HOUSE See SB 2500 (line item 1989A)				

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## **ANTI-KICKBACK AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF FLORIDA }
SS: COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE }
I, the undersigned, hereby duly sworn, depose and say that no portion of the sum herein
bid will be paid to any employees of the Town of Miami Lakes, its elected officials, and
or its design consultants, as a commission, kickback, reward or gift, directly or
indirectly by me or any member of my firm or by an officer of the corporation.
By: President
Title:
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared to me well
known and known by me to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing
Affidavit and acknowledged to and before me that executed said
Affidavit for the purpose therein expressed.
WITNESS, my hand and official seal this 23 day of Pecember 2019.
My Commission Expires:
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Notary Public State of Florida at Large
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# SWORN STATEMENT ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES SECTION 287.133(3)(a), FLORIDA STATUTES

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

[print name of entity submitting sworn statement] se business address is 7625 W 14th Ct Hialeah, Florida 33014	[print individual's name and title]	
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(if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is $46-26379$	fapplicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is $\frac{46-2}{100}$	2637933

- 2. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)9g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods and services to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
- 3. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction or a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
- 4. I understand than an "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:
  - A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or
  - b. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime.

The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who

has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.

- 5. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(e), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an entity.
- 6. Based on information and belief, the statement that I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. [Indicate which statement applies.]

Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, not any affiliate of the entity, has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

\_\_\_\_ This entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been a subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. [attach a copy of the final order]

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT THIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO

UNDERSTAND <u>THAT</u> I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO OF ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Lavardo 60 to me well known and known by me to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing Affidavit and acknowledged to and before me that \_\_\_\_\_\_ executed said Affidavit for the purpose therein expressed.

WITNESS, my hand and official seal this 23 day of December 2019

My Commission, Expires:

Notary Public State of Florida at Large

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MY COMMISSION # GG 265189
EXPIRES: October 7, 2022
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## NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

State of Florida }
County of Miami D SS:
Eduardo Gonzalez being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:
a) He/she is the Owner
Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:  By:
Witness
Eduardo Gonzalez
Witness (Printed Name)
Owner/President
(Title) EDUARDO GONZALEZ
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared to me well known and known by me to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing Affidavit and acknowledged to and before me that executed said Affidavit for the purpose therein expressed.
WITNESS, my hand and official seal this 23 day of December 2019
My Commission Expires:  CHASTITY ACOSTA MY COMMISSION # GG 265189  EXPIRES: October 7, 2022  Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT

State of Florida }  County of Miami Dade }  SS:
County of Miami Dade } SS:
Eduardo Gonzalez being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the (Owner,
Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent) of Sun City Strategies LLC the Proposer that has
submitted the attached Proposal and certifies the following;
Proposer certifies by submitting its Proposal that no elected official, committee member, or employee of the Town has a financial interest directly or indirectly in this Proposal or any compensation to be paid under or through the award of a contract, and that no Town employee, nor any elected or appointed official (including Town committee members) of the Town, nor any spouse, parent or child of such employee or elected or appointed official of the Town, may be a partner, officer, director or employee of Proposer, and further, that no such Town employee or elected or appointed officer, or the spouse, parent or child of any of them, alone or in combination, may have a material interest in the Proposer. Material interest means direct or indirect ownership of more than 5% of the total assets or capital stock of the Proposer. Any contract award containing an exception to these restrictions must be expressly approved by the Town Council. Further, Proposer recognizes that with respect to this solicitation, if any Proposer violates or is a party to a violation of the ethics ordinances or rules of the Town, the provisions of Miami-Dade County Code Section 2-11.1, as applicable to Town, or the provisions of Chapter 112, part III, Fla. Stat., the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, such Proposer may be disqualified from furnishing the goods or services for which the Proposal is submitted and may be further disqualified from submitting any future bids or proposals for goods or services to the Town. The terms "Proposer" as used herein, includes any person or entity making a bid or proposal to the Town to provide goods or services.
Proposer further certifies that the price or prices quoted in the Proposal are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the Proposer or any other of its agents, representatives, owners, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant.
Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:
Witness By
Eduardo Gonzalez
Witness (Printed Name)
Owner/President
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared to me well known and known by me to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing Affidavit and acknowledged to and before me that executed said Affidavit for the purpose therein expressed.
WITNESS, HIV Hand and Official Sear this day of
My Commission Expires:  CHASTITY ACOSTA  MY COMMISSION # GG 265189  EXPIRES: October 7, 2022  Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters  Form COI



## **PUBLIC RELATIONS AFFIDAVIT**

Bidder's N	ame: Sun City Strate	gies LLC	Solicitation No.: 2020-0	9		
			any personal or business relation ted representative of the Town.	ship or past		
Proposer s	shall disclose to the Tow	n:				
a)	representative of the To	personal interest own.	s in a vendor held by any employe	ee or elected		
	N/A Last name	First name	Relationship			
	Last name	First name	Relationship			
b)	Last name	First name	Relationship			
	Last name	First name	Relationship			
	Any family relationships with any employee or elected representative of the Town. N/A					
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	Authorized Signature	6	12-23-19 Date:	_		
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	Eduardo Gonzalez		President			
	Print Name		Title:			

#### COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RECORDS LAW

The Town of Miami Lakes shall comply with the Public Records Law as provided by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and all applicable amendments. Applicants must invoke the exemptions to disclosure provided by law in the response to the solicitation and must identify the data or other materials to be protected by separate envelope, and must state the reasons why such exclusion from public disclosure is necessary. The submission of a response authorizes release of your firm's credit data to the Town of Miami Lakes.

If the company submits information exempt from public disclosure, the company must identify with specificity which pages/paragraphs of their submittal/proposal package are exempt from the Public Records Act, identifying the specific exemption section that applies to each. The protected information must be submitted to the Town in a separate envelope marked "EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC RECORDS LAW". Failure to identify protected material via a separately marked envelopment will cause the Town to release this information in accordance with the Public Records Law despite any markings on individual pages of your submittal/proposal.

- (a) CONTRACTOR acknowledges TOWN'S obligations under Article 1, Section 24, Florida Constitution and Chapter 119, Florida Statues, to release public records to members of the public upon request. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that TOWN is required to comply with Article 1, Section 24, Florida Constitution and Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, in the handling of the materials created under this Agreement and that said statute controls over the terms of this Agreement.
- (b) CONTRACTOR specifically acknowledges its obligations to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, with regard to public records, and shall:
  - Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by TOWN
    in order to perform the services required under this Agreement;
  - Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that TOWN would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;
  - 3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed, except as authorized by law; and
  - 4. Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost to the TOWN, all public records in possession of CONTRACTOR upon termination of this Agreement and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to TOWN in a format that is compatible with the information technology system of TOWN.
- (c) Failure to comply with this Section shall be deemed a material breach of this Contract for which TOWN may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to CONTRACTOR.

By submitting a response to this solicitation, the company agrees to defend the Town in the event we are forced to litigate the public records status of the company's documents.

Company Name: Sun City Strategies LLC	
Authorized representative (print): Eduardo Gonzalez	
Authorized representative (signature):	Date: 12-23-19



### ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Solicitation No.: 2020-09 Listed below are the dates of issue for each Addendum received in connection with this Solicitation: Dated 12-20-19 Addendum No. Dated Addendum No. Addendum No.\_\_\_\_\_, Dated Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_, Dated \_\_\_\_ Addendum No. Dated \_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_ Addendum No.\_\_\_\_\_, Addendum No. Dated Addendum No. Dated Addendum No. Dated Addendum No. Dated ☐ No Addendum issued for this Solicitation

Authorized Representative's Name: Eduardo Gonzalez

Title: President

Authorized Signature:



## RFP 2020-09 State Lobbying Services

### Addendum #1

Due Date: 11:00 AM, December 27, 2019

This addendum is incorporated into and made a part of the Request for Proposals ("RFP"). The following may include clarifications, revisions, additions, deletions, or answers to questions received relative to the RFP which take precedence over the RFP documents. <u>Underlined</u> word(s) indicate additions. Deletions are indicated by strikethrough.

#### **Questions and Answers:**

- 1. Which insurance carrier is required under Question 6 of Form CQQ Company Qualifications Questionnaire?
  - Response: Please provide the insurance that is required on Section A7 of the Contract.
- 2. What is Experience Modification Rating (EMR)? Response: Experience Modification Rating (EMR) is a number used by insurance companies to gauge both past cost of injuries and future chances of risk. EMR may not apply to this solicitation.
- 3. Who is considered the qualifier in Form CQQ Company Qualifications Questionnaire? Response: This does not apply to this solicitation.
- 4. Does having a subconsultant as part of the team necessitate a Teaming Agreement? Response: A Teaming Agreement is only necessary when two (2) or more firms team up to submit a single proposal.

Acknowledgement:

Eduardo Gonzalez

Name of Signatory

President

Title

Signature

Sun City Strategies

Name of Bidder

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## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY (IF INDIVIDUAL)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, I (Name) Eduardo	o Gonzalez	, individually and doing business as (d/b/a)
Sun City Strategies, LLC	(If Applicable)	have executed and am bound by the terms of the
Bid to which this attestation is attached.		
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set	my hand this	, day of
Signed:		
Print: Eduardo Gonzalez		

## **NOTARIZATION**

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Miami - DADE ) SS:
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this $23$ day of
December, 20 19, by EDUARDO GONZALEZ, who is personally known
to me or who has produced as identification and who ( did
/ did not) take an oath.
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SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC
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### DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

Preference shall be given to businesses with drug-free workplace programs. Pursuant to Section 287.087, Florida Statutes, whenever two or more competitive solicitations that are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received by the State or by any political subdivision for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a response received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. Established procedures for processing tie responses will be followed if none of the tied providers has a drug free workplace program. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall:

- Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
- Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- 3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under proposal a copy of the statement specified in Subsection (1).
- 4. In the statement specified in Subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under proposal, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 894, Florida Statutes, or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
- Impose a sanction on any employee who is so convicted or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program as such is available in the employee's community.
- Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of applicable laws, rules and regulations.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

Sun City Strategies, LLC

Company Name:

12-23-19 Date

Authorized Signature:

Eduardo Gonzalez/President

Printed Name and Title

## **EXHIBIT B –TEAM**

### **KEY STAFF**

NAME	JOB CLASSIFICATION
Eduardo Gonzalez	
William McRea	